

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

FORTRESS SECURE SOLUTIONS LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Case No: 4:17-CV-5058-TOR

**Plaintiff,**

## **NOTICE SETTING TELEPHONIC SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

V.

ALARMSIM LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company; RICKIE GUTHRIE, JR., an individual; RICKIE D. GUTHRIE, an individual; and EDUARDO E. RAMIREZ, an individual,

## Defendants.

## TELEPHONIC SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

DATE: 9/7/2017 TIME: 1:45 p.m.

Counsel and pro se parties shall call the following telephone number on the date and time indicated for a mandatory **telephonic** Scheduling Conference before Judge Thomas O. Rice. **All pro se parties and an attorney substantively familiar with the case must participate in the telephonic scheduling conference.**

**PHONE NUMBER:** (888) 684-8852  
**ACCESS CODE:** 8204178  
**SECURITY CODE:** 5058

**The use of cellular or speaker phones is not permitted for telephonic proceedings.**

1 Rule 26(d)(1) prohibits a party from seeking discovery from any source before the parties have  
2 had their Rule 26(f) conference. The parties shall make their Rule 26(a)(1) initial disclosures at  
or within 14 days after this Rule 26(f) conference.

3 To ensure that discovery and trial preparation advances efficiently, counsel and pro se parties  
shall discuss each and every one of the following subjects during the Rule 26(f) conference and  
4 then file a combined report addressing each one of these subjects not less than 14 days before the  
Scheduling Conference:

- 5 a. whether jurisdiction and venue exist and, if they do exist, the basis for each;
- 6 b. whether service of process is complete and, if not, a deadline for completion;
- 7 c. a brief description of the claims and defenses;
- 8 d. whether a statute's constitutionality is being challenged, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1, and  
whether the required notice has been provided;
- 9 e. whether any issues should be certified to a state supreme court;
- 10 f. suggested deadline for adding additional parties, amending the pleadings, and seeking  
class certification;
- 11 g. whether all non-government corporate parties have filed the necessary ownership  
statement, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1;
- 12 h. whether the case involves a minor or incompetent party and whether the appointment  
of a guardian ad litem is necessary, see LR 17.1;
- 13 i. discovery:
  - 14 • confirmation that initial disclosures, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), will be  
accomplished by the time of the hearing;
  - 15 • subjects on which discovery may be needed;
  - 16 • any issues about preserving discoverable information, including electronically  
stored information;
  - 17 • claims of privilege, protection of confidentiality, and proposed confidentiality  
agreements;
  - 18 • proposed agreements reached under Fed. R. Evid. 502;
  - 19 • proposed modifications to the standard discovery procedures, including  
bifurcation and/or consolidation of discovery, or an increase in the allowed  
number of depositions (10), interrogatories (25), requests for production (30), or  
requests for admission (15);
  - 20 • suggested expert disclosure deadlines; and
  - suggested discovery cut-off;

- j. anticipated motions and suggested dispositive motion filing deadlines;
- k. trial:
  - whether a jury has been requested. In cases removed from state court in which a party desires a jury trial, **a jury demand shall also be filed no less than 14 days prior to the scheduling conference;**
  - suggested trial date(s) and suggested location;
  - anticipated length of trial;
  - requests for bifurcation; and
  - the need for special audio/visual courtroom technology;
- l. the likelihood for settlement and the point at which the parties can conduct meaningful dispute resolution, and
- m. any other matters that may be conducive to the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of the action.

Dated: July 20, 2017

SEAN F. McAVOY, DISTRICT COURT EXECUTIVE CLERK

*s/Linda L. Hansen*  
Courtroom Deputy

### All Counsel/Pro Se Parties